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PARBATI HYDEL POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) has spent a huge amount on preparation of a Detailed Project Report for 2051 MW Parbati Hydel Power Project in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether HPSEB has requested NHPC to reimburse the amount spent on the project; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the NHPC thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b): Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEB) had incurred an expenditure to the tune of Rs.27.83 crores on Hydroelectric Projects (HEPs) on river Parbati, having aggregate installed capacity of 2051 MW, for survey and investigation, preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), pre-construction activities, infrastructure works etc.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : According to a Government decision conveyed to NHPC in February, 2000, reimbursement of expenditure incurred by HPSEB on Parbati HEPs was to be made by NHPC after deduction of grants-in-aid given by the Government of India subject to the condition that no interest would be payable to HPSEB on the amount spent by HPSEB on the project prior to handing over the Parbati Stage-II project to NHPC. Accordingly, an amount of Rs.28,49,51,000/- was paid by NHPC to HPSEB up to January, 2001. However, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has been requesting for payment of interest in addition to the reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred by Government of Himachal Pradesh/HPSEB. Further, a one-time ad-hoc relief was provided by the Government of India to the State of Himachal Pradesh (conveyed to it in June 2000) by waiving surcharge of Rs.38.56 crores in respect of Baira Siul HE Project with the understanding that other issues including the payment of interest of expenditure incurred by HPSEB towards Parbati HEPs would be treated as settled and closed.